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Department of Agriculture Office of Information

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OFFICE OF INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 44, SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Transmission of CWI Request of December 22 for Report on Publication Mailing List Circularization

The attached communication from Director Elmer Davis of the Office of War Insormation includes a form on which to report action taken under OWI Directives 3 and 5. The Office of Information will assume the responsibility for replying to question three so far as Washington press release mailing lists are involved, and also for answering questions four, five, and six.

Please send the completed forms to my office, Room 404 Administration Building, for forwarding to the Office of War Information.

Keith Hime bough

Assistant Director of Information

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OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION Office of the Director

December 22, 1942

To all Government Information Directors and Chiefs:

OWI Regulations Three and Five called for discontinuances of general mailing lists and the circularization of other lists of free or partially free publications. Section 8 of OWI Regulation Number Five states: "Within sixty days of the issuance of this regulation, information officers of the Federal departments and agencies shall report to the Director of War Information, action taken under OWI Regulations, Numbers Three and Five. Forms for this report will be supplied by the Office of War Information."

Attached are the forms cited. Additional copies are available, if needed.

We are setting a deadline for the return of these forms by January 6, 1948, sixty days from the issuance of the regulation. They should be sent to the office of the Inter-Agency Publications Committee, Office of War Information, Room 3452, Social Security Building.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer Davis Director

| Name of | Agency | |
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| Bureau | or Division | |

| Publications (printed or processed) issued serially at regular or irregular intervals, report or circular series or periodicals. (List all.) | Total Unpaid Distribution August, 1942 | B Total Unpaid Distribution December 30 | C Total Loss in figures | D % Decline from Aug. Total |
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II. Where the free distribution has decreased 50% or more (column D), please give brief reasons why this publication or series cannot be discontinued, or absorbed by another publication.

| Name of publication | Explanation |
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| III. | Under Section 3 of OWI Regulation Num "publications and/or releases" were or or division: How many copies of publications we | rdered discontinued. | For your agency gulation? | | |
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| | How many copies of publications ha | as this regulation say | ved? | | |
| | | Per year | Per month | | |
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| IV. | How many names did you drop in killing | ng these general mail: | ing lists? | | |
| ٧. | OWI Regulation Number Five discontinued the practice of mailing press releases from Washington to the general press outside of Washington. How many copies of releases went out to newspapers before the regulation? | | | | |
| | | Per year | Per month | | |
| | How many copies of releases has this order saved your agency? | | | | |
| | | Per year | Per month | | |
| | | Percentage saving | | | |
| VI. | The practice of mailing material from Washington to weekly community newspape was also discontinued. How many copies before this regulation did you mail to weeklies? | | | | |
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| VII. | Are you using libraries (in addition to depository libraries) as outlets for your publications as compensation for reduction in free distribution to individuals? | | | | |
| | | Yes | No | | |
| | Do you wish assistance from OWI in planning distribution of your publication | | | | |
| | to libraries? | Yes | No | | |
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